



**OTTAWA CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES 69**

**Monday, February 7, 2022
1:30 PM**

electronic participation

This Meeting will was held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*

The Council of the City of Ottawa met on Monday, February 7, 2022, beginning at 1:30 PM. The Mayor, Jim Watson, presided over the Zoom meeting from Andrew S. Haydon Hall, with the remaining Members participating remotely by Zoom.

Mayor Watson led Council in a moment of reflection.

ROLL CALL

All Members were present at the meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST INCLUDING THOSE ORIGINALLY ARISING
FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

No declarations of interest were filed.

REGRETS

No regrets filed to date.

RESOLVING INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION NO 69/1

Moved by Councillor J. Cloutier
Seconded by Councillor C. Kitts

That City Council resolve to move into Committee of the Whole pursuant to Section 52 of the *Procedure By-law*.

CARRIED

VERBAL UPDATE

UPDATE FROM MAYOR WATSON AND CITY OFFICIALS

1. IMPACT OF THE TRUCK CONVOY DEMONSTRATION ON THE CITY'S RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Mayor Watson provided opening remarks, including advising that on February 6, 2022, he had declared a State of Emergency in the City of Ottawa pursuant to Subsection 4(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. Following the Mayor's remarks, Council received an update from Chief Peter Sloly, Ottawa Police Service on ongoing police operations. City Manager Steve Kanellakos and Kim Ayotte, General Manager of Emergency and Protective Services, provided an update to Council on the response from the City of Ottawa and City departments.

Following the introduction of Motions, Members asked questions of police and City officials regarding the ongoing situation.

Council recessed from 5:05 pm to 5:34 pm

Following the conclusion of questions to staff, Motions were put to Council as set below.

MOTION NO 69/2

Moved by: Councillor L. Dudas
Seconded by: Councillor R. King

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has now declared a State of Emergency in response to the continued illegal occupation of Ottawa's downtown core;

WHEREAS lead organizers for the occupation have released statements being unequivocal about their demands: they seek to hold the City of Ottawa hostage as leverage against the Federal and Provincial Governments, and they have no intention of ending their campaign and leaving the city until their demands are met;

WHEREAS the methods used by these individuals to illegally occupy the City of Ottawa, and terrorize residents and businesses, utilize unprecedented tactics that have no place in a free and democratic society, such as Canada and mark an intolerable departure from what could be considered lawful protest. Including: the 24-hour blasting of airhorns; tractor trailers blockading streets; makeshift structures popping up; vehicles driving around residential streets with open tanks of fuel; numerous propane tanks being stashed away under tarps; and the widespread harassment of residents, businesses, and journalists;

WHEREAS the use of racist and anti-Semitic flags and xenophobic symbols; the mockery of Indigenous culture; the harassment and denigration of residents within the 2SLGBTQI+ community; as well as the defacing of national and Indigenous monuments have left residents fearful for their safety;

WHEREAS since their arrival in Ottawa, the occupation has been spreading out to other parts of the city. With staging areas now in suburban areas and trucks blocking residential streets, as well as into the ByWard Market - far from the Parliamentary Precinct where demonstrations are not only anticipated, but are welcomed;

WHEREAS the Ottawa Police Chief has been clear: this occupation is so unprecedented, the Ottawa Police Service does not have the resources to adequately address the situation. If this siege is going to end, it will require more than just those resources from the OPS;

WHEREAS the tactics used by these individuals set a very dangerous precedent, and regardless of the cause or beliefs, this is an unacceptable departure from lawful forms of protest, that cannot be condoned nor allowed to continue;

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa does not have the power, the authority, nor the jurisdiction to meet the demands from the individuals occupying our city, leaving Ottawa as collateral damage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, supported by City Council, formally and publicly call on both the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to step in and immediately provide all necessary financial and logistical supports required to bring this occupation to a peaceful end and allow the City of Ottawa to return to normal.

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/3

Moved by: Councillor L. Dudas
Seconded by: Councillor J. Harder

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has now declared a State of Emergency in response to the continued illegal occupation of Ottawa's downtown;

WHEREAS the methods used by these individuals to illegally occupy the City of Ottawa, and terrorize residents and businesses, utilize unprecedented tactics that have no place in a free and democratic society, such as Canada, and mark an intolerable departure from what could be considered lawful protest;

WHEREAS, as per the survey of more than 200 businesses conducted by the Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Areas (OCOBIA), almost three-quarters of businesses located in and around the downtown core have lost revenue as a direct result of the occupation;

WHEREAS that same survey found just over half of those businesses will not be able to recover the lost revenues;

WHEREAS roughly 40 per cent of businesses, mostly retailers, restaurants and services, had to close their doors for the safety of their staff and patrons. With the Rideau Centre's closure alone impacting over 1,500 employees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, with the support of City Council, make a formal request to both the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding supports specifically focused on supporting Ottawa businesses and their employees impacted by the occupation.

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/4

Moved by: Councillor L. Dudas
Seconded by: Councillor T. Tierney

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has now declared a State of Emergency in response to the continued illegal occupation of Ottawa's downtown;

WHEREAS the methods used by these individuals to illegally occupy the City of Ottawa, and terrorize residents and businesses, utilize unprecedented tactics that have no place in a free and democratic society, such as Canada, and mark an intolerable departure from what could be considered lawful protest;

WHEREAS, throughout this period, countless residents have been under extraordinary distress. And for those who suffer from anxiety, have been victims of violence, or arrived as refugees from war-torn countries, it is causing additional mental-health issues;

WHEREAS agencies dedicated to supporting Ottawa's most vulnerable, such as the Shepherds of Good Hope, have seen volunteers and staff harassed, and even assaulted. As well, after 62 years serving Ottawa most at-risk youth, the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa has had to shut down their Drop-in Centre for the first time in their history;

WHEREAS due to the sheer number of impacted community social support agencies, organizations that are dedicated to caring for Ottawa's most vulnerable residents, portends the extensive and prolonged impact this occupation will have on Ottawa residents, in particular vulnerable residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, with the support of City Council, make a formal request to both the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding specifically focused on supporting community social support agencies impacted by the occupation.

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/5

Moved by: Councillor R. King
Seconded by: Councillor D. Deans

WHEREAS the illegal occupation of Ottawa has negatively impacted residents who have been harassed and intimidated and whose daily lives have been made intolerable; and

WHEREAS the illegal occupation has obstructed the provision of essential City services; and

WHEREAS the illegal occupation has augmented financial hardship for small businesses, restaurants, and shopping complexes already negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic within Ottawa's central business district, especially in the Centretown, Sandy Hill, Lowertown and ByWard Market neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS the illegal occupation has totalled approximately \$800,000 per day in policing costs, impacting the Ottawa Police Service's ability to deliver adequate and effective policing; and

WHEREAS the high cost of restoring public order and community safety due to this illegal occupation should not unfairly burden municipal taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Mayor write to the Ontario Premier to proclaim in force Schedule 1 of the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* to allow the Ottawa Police Service Board and the Solicitor General of Ontario to charge those persons responsible for causing a temporary increase in the cost of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Ottawa, those increased costs.

CARRIED with Councillor R. Chiarelli dissenting.

MOTION NO 69/6

Moved by: Councillor J. Leiper
Seconded by: Councillor R. King

WHEREAS since on or about Friday, January 28, 2022, hundreds of trucks and other vehicles as well as hundreds to thousands of truck drivers and other individuals at any given time have illegally occupied the downtown core; and

WHEREAS on January 29, 2022, the City of Ottawa's Emergency Operations Centre entered Activated Operations in response to this threat; and

WHEREAS on February 6, 2022, the Mayor declared a State of Emergency in Ottawa pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*; and

WHEREAS the City's response to this ongoing emergency continues to draw on the resources of the City's operational staff and Senior Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS all Members of Council, but particularly those whose residents are directly impacted by the ongoing and illegal occupation of the downtown core, are immediately focused on efforts to support the residents of the City of Ottawa and ensuring their ongoing safety during this unprecedented crisis; and

WHEREAS Subsection 14(7) of the Procedure By-law provides that during a State of Emergency, Council and Committee meetings may be convened as Special Meetings in accordance with Sections 14 and 87 of the *Procedure By-law*, and subject to the following special provisions:

- A.** Agendas may be limited to items that, in the opinion of the Chair, informed by operational staff and the Clerk's Office, are of a time sensitive nature such that they must be considered during the Emergency Period;
- B.** Subject to the minimum notice provisions for Special Meetings in this By-law, the Mayor or Chair and the City Clerk's Office shall endeavour to publish agendas in accordance with the timelines for a regular meeting, and where not possible, with as much notice as possible under the circumstances; and
- C.** When a Special Meeting is called under this Section, and notwithstanding Subsections 14(5) and 87(3), additional items may be added to such Special

Meeting agendas, with less than six hours notice, with the approvals of $\frac{3}{4}$ of Members present and voting; and

WHEREAS the agenda for the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for February 9, 2022, includes a number of items of regular business, some of which may carry on consent; and

WHEREAS the Built Heritage Sub Committee meeting agenda for February 8, 2022, includes items where the deadline for approval under the *Ontario Heritage Act* will expire should Council not approve them by February 28 and March 13, respectively, and it is staff's intention to bring forward an emergency demolition for a building damaged by fire at 323 Daly Avenue, which must be approved by the BHSC and Council at the earliest opportunity due to safety issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following:

1. That at the Regular City Council meeting of February 9, 2022, Council shall consider only those matters that can carry on consent or where staff advise that there is a statutory deadline under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, *Planning Act*, or other legislation that will be materially impacted by delaying the report to the next scheduled City Council meeting of February 23, 2022; and
2. That meetings of Standing Committee, Sub-Committee and Advisory Committee meetings for the week of February 7-11 be cancelled, including:
 - a. Planning Committee February 10; and
 - b. French Language Services Advisory Committee February 10; and
3. That the meeting of Built Heritage Sub-Committee (BHSC) of February 8, 2022 be limited to the consideration of 323 Daly, rising to Council on February 9, 2022; and
4. That Staff be directed to seek extensions to the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)* deadline for those matters on the February 8, 2022, Built Heritage Sub-Committee (BHSC) Agenda to allow them to be considered by the BHSC and Council in March and, should such extensions not be forthcoming, authorize the BHSC Chair to call a Special Meeting to consider those items and approve that those items may rise directly to City Council prior to the expiration of the OHA deadline; and

5. That, while the State of Emergency is in place, that all City Council, Standing Committee, Sub-Committee and Advisory Committee meetings shall be either cancelled by the Chair or convened as Special Meetings under Subsection 14(7) of the Procedure By-law and limited to items that, in the opinion of the Chair, informed by operational staff and the Clerk's Office, are of a time sensitive nature such that they must be considered during the Emergency Period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Motion be revisited at the February 23, 2022, Council Meeting.

LOST on a division of 10 YEAS and 14 NAYS, as follows:

- YEAS (10): Councillors T. Kavanagh, D. Deans, M. Fleury, C. McKenney, C.A. Meehan, S. Menard, J. Leiper, R. King, R. Chiarelli, C. Kitts
- NAYS (14): Councillors G. Gower, M. Luloff, C. Curry, E. El-Chantiry, A. Hubley, K. Egli, S. Moffatt, T. Tierney, J. Harder, L. Dudas, R. Brockington, G. Darouze, J. Cloutier, Mayor Watson

MOTION NO 69/7

Moved by Councillor L. Dudas
Seconded by Councillor G. Darouze

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting time be extended past 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 PM pursuant to Subsection 8(1)(c) of *Procedure By-law* (By-law No. 2021-24).

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/8

Moved by Councillor S. Menard
Seconded by Councillor C. McKenney

WHEREAS trucks have been occupying the downtown core for ten consecutive days, running their engines continuously for extended periods of time and exposing residents to fumes and noise; and

WHEREAS idling vehicles contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollution in the form of criteria air contaminants, which are responsible for 15,300 premature deaths annually in Canada, with 500 of those taking place in Ottawa; and

WHEREAS the existing Idling By-law is not enforceable against the current occupation due to an exemption when the outside temperature is less than 5 degrees Celsius including the windchill as determined by Environment Canada; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a temporary additional provision in the by-law be enacted , with a sunset clause of 2 months hence, as follows:

Section 3 be amended to add immediately after i):

ia) occupied vehicles when the temperature outside the vehicle is less than negative fifteen degrees Celsius including the windchill value as determined by the Environment Canada temperature reading, to be applicable within the demonstration zone as defined in Schedule A attached to this by-law and RCGT Park at 302 Coventry Road;

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/9

Moved by Councillor D. Deans
Seconded by Councillor R. King

WHEREAS residents need access to timely and accurate updates about the ongoing truck convoy demonstrations; and

WHEREAS misinformation about the demonstrations is prevalent; and

WHEREAS the situation and response from the Ottawa Police Service and City of Ottawa is fluid; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is not currently providing daily updates to keep the public informed on how the demonstrations are evolving and the plans to end them as soon as possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Staff, led by the Emergency Operations Centre, organize a daily media availability for the duration of the truck convoy demonstrations, including participation from a spokesperson from the Ottawa Police Service, By-Law Services, and other affected City services as relevant.

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/10

Moved by Councillor C. McKenney
Seconded by Councillor M. Fleury

WHEREAS since on or about Friday, January 28, 2022, hundreds of vehicles and hundreds to thousands of individuals at any given time have illegally occupied the downtown core; and

WHEREAS this illegal occupation poses an ongoing serious and immediate threat to public safety, the safety of all Ottawa residents, in particular those residing in the abutting downtown neighbourhoods as well as the operation of business and services in the downtown core; and

WHEREAS the illegal occupation shows no signs of ending; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Police Service does not have sufficient resources and capability to manage the occupation in the area of the Parliamentary Precinct while also providing adequate police services to ensure the safety of those residents living in the surrounding dense residential areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Ottawa formally petition the Government of Canada to assume responsibility for public safety and security within the Parliamentary Precinct and to commit to an immediate and significant increased level of support (officers, resources, materials and equipment) to the Ottawa Police, as the police force of jurisdiction, in the adjoining areas, subject to the resolution of any jurisdictional discussions between the Ottawa Police Service and the RCMP.

Councillor C. McKenney moved that the question be put on the McKenney/Fleury Motion 69/10 (in accordance with Subsection 60(1)(b) of the *Procedure By-law*), and then subsequently withdrew this procedural motion.

Motion 69/10 was put to Council CARRIED with Councillor R. Chiarelli dissenting.

MOTION NO 69/11

Moved by Councillor M. Fleury
Seconded by Councillor C. McKenney

WHEREAS the Illegal occupation is bringing chaos to our downtown core; and

WHEREAS the defamation of our City's sacred monuments, streets, intimidation for our businesses and residents and blatant disregard for our City's laws is abhorrent;

WHEREAS the noise and intimidation has forced businesses to remain closed, residents' captive in their homes and living in fear;

WHEREAS the occupation has entered its 11th day with no clear end expectations and timelines.

WHEREAS individuals who have taken over our City need to respect our laws and our community (businesses and residents);

WHEREAS we are extremely concerned with the number of incidents and the escalations of those incidents within our community.

WHEREAS specific to our City by-laws, this illegal occupation is consistently disobeying by-laws pertaining to idling, noise, honking (from parked vehicles), parking, outdoor fires, barbecues, food preparation, storage of combustible items; and

WHEREAS more specifically the Noise By-law 2017-255 Section 3, Idling By-law 2007-266, Section 2, Use and Care of Roads By-law, 2003-498 as amended Section 3 and Open Air Fire By-law 2004-163 Section 3; and

WHEREAS it is City Council's duty to stand up for its residents and local businesses public safety and well-being;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff in By-law and Regulatory Services consider making an application for set fine increases for offences as set out in the above-mentioned by-laws for more effective deterrence at \$1,000 per offence, as provided for under the *Provincial Offences Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these set fines remain in place during the declared State of Emergency.

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/12

Moved by Councillor S. Menard
Seconded by Councillor C. McKenney

WHEREAS since on or about Friday, January 28, 2022, hundreds of vehicles at any given time have illegally occupied the downtown core; and

WHEREAS although the Ottawa Police Service has identified a "red zone" comprising the Parliamentary Precinct and immediate area that have been the concentration of the occupied area and response, the impacts of the convoy have extended well beyond the Parliamentary Precinct to the surrounding streets and dense residential areas; and

WHEREAS trucks and other vehicles remain illegally in the broader downtown core, and over the past weekend the activities have continued to negatively

impact residential areas at all hours, including but not limited to debilitating noise from honking, excessive diesel fumes, the blocking of ambulances, driving on sidewalks, fuel stockpiling for vehicles, and blocking residential and commercial access with vehicles; and

WHEREAS the remaining participants in this this federally-focused protest, so long as it may continue, should be directed towards the area of the parliamentary precinct as vehicles are cleared from the surrounding streets; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has the authority under the *Municipal Act, 2001* and other applicable legislation to enact and enforce By-laws within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Council has duly enacted, and delegated authority to City staff to enforce, various by-laws including but not limited to:

- Traffic and Parking (By-law no. 2017-301)
- Noise (By-law No.2017-255)
- Use and Care of Roads (By-law No. 2003-498)

WHEREAS penalties under these by-laws include but are not limited to issuance of tickets and, in accordance with Section 86 of the Traffic and Parking By-law, the towing of vehicles that are illegally parked or stopped;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council supports City Staff in using the recently declared state of emergency and enforcement powers delegated to them under legislation and the City's By-laws to tow vehicles illegally occupying residential areas, and address ongoing impacts of continued By-law violations from these individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff advise Council daily on the status of enforcement activities related to the occupation, including number of vehicles towed, and numbers and nature of tickets issued.

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/13

Moved by Councillor A. Hubley
Seconded by Councillor T. Tierney

WHEREAS Federal, Provincial, Municipal governments, including the National Capital Commission (NCC), and Parliamentary Protective Service should collaborate in a joint response to any national demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, there are always potential for inconsistencies and silos within the information sharing and dissemination practices between the numerous layers of government; and

WHEREAS; Municipalities such as Vancouver, Toronto and Quebec City have experienced protests of a similar nature; and

WHEREAS, best practices would dictate that a review of communication and information sharing protocol and dissemination be actioned post-demonstration;

WHEREAS, residents of the city of Ottawa have significant questions on the various aspects of the pre-planning, the initial response by both police and the levels of government, the response to key events during the occupation and we believe our residents have a right to know what went wrong including what worked well; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Ottawa commissions an independent evaluation of the response to the occupation of the City of Ottawa with a view to better overall governmental agencies response to planning, coordination, communications, sharing of resources including deployment and report back to FEDCO by May 2022 for consideration by all levels of government prior to Canada Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as this demonstration was national in nature, the City of Ottawa seek funding from the Government of Canada for this review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request the Ottawa Police Service Board take part in this review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include, but not be limited to, answers to the questions included in Annex A to this Motion.

Annex A

What agencies were involved in the pre-planning for this event? Who was the lead?

Why did the police and emergency response planners not anticipate the size of this force and the potential for what our residents experienced?

Why were large trucks, fuel storage and other dangerous goods allowed to enter our core and remain? Quebec City and other cities had no issues in preventing this.

Why was an injunction not filed?

Why did the Police Services Board opt to not allow City Council members into their closed meetings? Was a vote held to restrict information sharing with Council?

What was the rationale for the Police Services Board to hire the crisis communication company instead of investing in planning expertise to protect residents? What was the vote on this matter?

Given that communications were one of the biggest complaints of the occupation, the report should provide recommendations in selecting a service provider going forward and providing clear expectations that include keeping residents and council better informed.

When the Police Chief reported he did not have the resources early on and the need may have possibly been identified during the pre-planning exercise as well, what actions were taken by the Police Services Board and the City of Ottawa?

Councillor J. Harder moved that the question be put on the Hubley/ Tierney Motion 69/13 (in accordance with Subsection 60(b) of the *Procedure By-law*). This procedural motion CARRIED with Councillor C. McKenney dissenting.

Motion No. 69/13 was then put to Council and CARRIED.

MOTION NO 69/14

Moved by Councillor R. King
Seconded by Councillor C. McKenney

WHEREAS we acknowledge that the display of Confederate flags, Nazi yellow stars of David and swastikas during the illegal occupation of the City of Ottawa is traumatizing to members of vulnerable communities, especially from Black, Jewish, Muslim, or racialized communities and members of the Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex (2SLGBTQI+) communities who continue to be marginalized by acts of hate and violence.

WHEREAS the use of racist and antisemitic flags and xenophobic symbols, the mockery of Indigenous culture, and the harassment and denigration of residents within the Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex (2SLGBTQI+) community clearly shows that this illegal occupation has not been peaceful.

WHEREAS defacing national and Indigenous monuments, denigrating rainbow flags, inciting hate, and wielding signs with violent imagery sows fear, division, and polarization in neighbourhoods throughout the City of Ottawa.

WHEREAS community cohesion requires the health, safety, and security of everyone in our communities.

WHEREAS United for All, a coalition of 44 organizations representing over 150 partners who are all committed to overcoming hate-based violence, racism, and extremism in East Ontario, has soundly condemned the hate that was both experienced and witnessed during this occupation.

WHEREAS preventing and confronting hatred in our communities is a responsibility of all citizens.

WHEREAS Ottawa City Council unanimously endorsed the establishment of an Anti-Racism Secretariat for the City of Ottawa as a commitment to holding the City to account for addressing systemic racism and discrimination.

WHEREAS the Anti-Racism Secretariat is developing the City of Ottawa's first Anti-Racism Strategy for consideration by Ottawa City Council this year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ottawa City Council unequivocally condemn the racism, antisemitism and discrimination respectively experienced by the Black, Jewish, Muslim, racialized and members of the Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex (2SLGBTQI+) communities during the illegal occupation in the strongest of terms.

CARRIED

MOTION NO 69/15

Moved by Councillor C.A. Meehan
Seconded by Councillor C. McKenney

WHEREAS Ottawa is the capital city of Canada, and, as such should have the necessary legislative powers and funding to ensure the peace and security of the City of Ottawa and;

WHEREAS in 1988 the Federal Emergencies Act was passed into law and;

WHEREAS the Emergencies Act sets out procedures by which emergencies and public order threats are present and;

WHEREAS the Governor in Council would be empowered to make orders and regulations concerning the threat following the provisions of the Act

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City of Ottawa enter into discussions with the Federal Minister of Public Safety to determine whether the Emergencies Act can be invoked at this time.

Councillor J. Harder moved that the question be put on the Meehan/McKenney Motion 69/15 (in accordance with Subsection 60(b) of the Procedure By-law). This procedural motion CARRIED.

Motion No 69/15 was then put to Council and LOST on a division of 12 YEAS and 12 NAYS, as follows:

YEAS (12): Councillors T. Kavanagh, J. Harder, D. Deans, M. Fleury, L. Dudas, C. McKenney, C.A. Meehan, S. Menard, J. Leiper, R. King, C. Kitts, R. Brockington

NAYS (12): Councillors G. Gower, M. Luloff, C. Curry, E. El-Chantiry, A. Hubley, K. Egli, S. Moffatt, T. Tierney, R. Chiarelli, G. Darouze, J. Cloutier, Mayor Watson

MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT

MOTION NO 69/16

Moved by Councillor J. Cloutier

Seconded by Councillor C. Kitts

That the Committee of the Whole rise and report to City Council; and

Be it further resolved that any motions, votes, and declarations of interest recorded during the Committee of the Whole session be deemed to be recorded in the Council session.

CARRIED

DIRECTION (Councillor E. El-Chantiry)

That Mayor Watson, in talks with various Federal and Provincial Ministers, would ask them to both consider and appreciate that the cars, regular trucks and transport trucks, as well as most farm vehicles, etc, should not mix with public demonstrations and pedestrian demonstrators due to the obvious possibility of harm to protestors and anyone in the vicinity of demonstrations. As we all know, Canadians have a constitutional right to free speech and to object to any actions being undertaken by their Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments.

We also know that peaceful protests are the hallmark of a democratic country. However, we must always try to provide the safest environments for such demonstrations.

INQUIRIES

Councillor T. Tierney (OCC 22-01)

Given that towing companies with City contractual obligations were not available during this February 2022 City of Ottawa occupation, what immediate measures can the City take to sole source alternate provision of services, what are the ramifications for City contracted companies which fail to meet those contractual obligations, and how can this be avoided in future?

Councillor C. McKenney (OCC 22-02)

Residents across Ottawa have been directing thousands of questions to members of council regarding how this occupation was able to take root to the extent that it did in Ottawa, and they are not satisfied with the public responses provided; responses which have changed day to day in ways that some residents have describes as inconsistent and contradictory. Residents are not satisfied with the answers being provided to them by their chief of police, and council should be aware of what options are available for council to investigate further.

Can staff please advise members of council of the options available, by the February 23, 2022, meeting of Council, for council to subject to scrutiny, investigation, or public review the handling of this protest-cum-occupation in our urban core by the chief of police

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

MOTION NO 69/17

Moved by Councillor J. Cloutier

Seconded by Councillor C. Kitts

That the following by-law be read and passed:

To confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of February 7, 2022.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR